



**REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS**

**SECOND SUDAN SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT PROJECT (P176870)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

**Khartoum, Sudan**

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## Environmental and Social Commitment Plan

1. The Republic of the Sudan (*hereinafter the **Recipient***) shall implement the Second Sudan Sustainable Natural Resources Management Project (*the **Project***), with the involvement of the following ministries/agencies: the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MOAF), and the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR). The International Development Association (*hereinafter **the Association***) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient through MOAF shall implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) contained in the Environmental and Social Framework (**ESF**). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) sets out material measures and actions to be implemented under the Project, any specific documents, or plans, as well as the timing for each of these documents.
3. The Recipient shall also comply with the provisions of any other E&S documents required under the ESF and referred to in this ESCP, such as the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Process Framework (PF), any specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) or Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Labour Management Procedures (LMP), Social Impact Assessment (SIA), and the timelines specified in those documents. This obligation extends to any activities not financed by the Association but considered “associated facilities” according to the definition provided in the ESF.
4. The Recipient is responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP even when implementation of specific measures and actions is conducted by the Ministry, agency or unit referenced in 1 above.
5. Implementation of the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP will be monitored and reported to the Association by the Recipient as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Association shall monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
6. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, the Recipient through its delegated representatives shall agree to the changes with the Association and will update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP will be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
7. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall provide additional funds, if needed, to implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts.

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<b>Summary of the Material Measures and Actions to Mitigate the Project's Potential Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts</b>		<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Responsible Entity/ Authority</b>
<b>Monitoring and Reporting</b>			
<b>A</b>	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>The Recipient through MOAF shall prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including, but not limited to, the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&amp;S documents required under the ESCP, such as Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP), Labor Management Procedures (LMP), Social Assessment (SA), Environmental and Social Framework (ESMF), Process Framework (PF), Security Management Plan (SMP) and Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).</p>	Biannual reporting throughout Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>B</b>	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>The Recipient through MOAF shall promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the affected communities and the public or Project workers, including without limitation any allegations of gender-based violence and/or sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (GBV/SEAH), Project-related occupational accidents or fatalities, or labor strikes and social unrest.</p> <p>Reporting shall provide sufficient details regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor, private sector, and supervising entity, as appropriate while ensuring confidentiality especially for GBV/SEAH related incidents.</p> <p>Subsequently, prepare a detailed report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence, as per procedures</p>	<p>Notify the Association within 24 hours after learning of the incident or accident, throughout the Project implementation.</p> <p>Incident reporting formats will be developed as part of the ESMF and implemented throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>Report shall be submitted to the</p>	<p>MOAF</p> <p>MOAF</p>

	provided in the ESMF.	Association within 15 days of the incident or accident notification, unless a different timeline is specified by the Association.	MOAF
<b>C</b>	<p><b>CONTRACTORS MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS</b></p> <p>All Contractors and subcontractors are required to provide monthly reports on ESMPs implementation, Labor and Occupational Health and Safety, and other site-specific management plan implementation to the Project Coordination Unit (PCU). Such reports would be submitted to the Association by MOAF upon request.</p> <p>The monthly reports on ESMPs' implementation, Labor and Occupational Health and Safety, and other site-specific management plan implementation shall be part of the bidding documents and contracts for contractors. The National PCU at MOAF will be required to provide project implementation reports on ESMF/ESIA/ESMPs' implementation to the Association. Information from these reports will be included in biannual reports to the Association.</p>	<p>Monthly reports by Contractors or subcontractors to PCU/MOAF.</p> <p>Quarterly and Bi-annual reports by PCU/MOAF to the Association.</p>	<p>MOAF/Contractors or subcontractors.</p> <p>MOAF</p>
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
<b>1.1</b>	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>The Recipient through MOAF shall establish and maintain a Project Coordination Unit (PCU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of environmental and social risks and impacts as well as the Occupational Health and Safety issues of the Project. This includes one Environmental Specialist and one Social Specialist at the national level. Also, it shall establish and maintain one Environmental Expert, one Social Expert, and one Community Development and mobilization expert for each state of the five targeted states: Red Sea, Sennar, Blue Nile, West Kordofan, and South Kordofan.</p>	The PCU staff including, Environmental, Social Experts, at the national level, and Safeguards staff (Environmental Expert, Social Expert, and Community Development and Mobilizer at the State level shall be established within 45 days after the Effective Date and shall be maintained throughout Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>1.2</b>	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>a. Prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) for the Project in accordance with the ESF and ESSs. Project activities shall be screened as per the template for Environmental and Social Screening checklist and eligibility criteria for</p>	Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, the ESMF shall be prepared, consulted up on and disclosed (disbursement	MOAF

<p>subprojects and mitigation measures adopted, in accordance with the ESMF.</p> <p>b. The MOAF/PCU shall prepare, publicly consult, disclose, adopt, and implement site specific Environmental and Social Management instruments i.e., ESIA/ESMPs, including GBV/SEA prevention and response action plan, Grievance Redress Mechanism procedure, Labor management procedure, Social Assessment to determine if ESS7 applies, GBV Action Plan and OHS management plan, Integrated pest management plan, cumulative impact assessment, community health and safety plan, small dam safety guidelines, security management plan and/or other instruments, based on the screening and assessment process and seek clearance from the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR), in accordance with the ESSs, the ESMF, and other relevant Good International Industry Practice (GIIP) in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> <p>c. The MOAF shall develop a comprehensive policy framework for sustainable forest and land use management under component 1 of the Project in consultation with broad stakeholders consistent with the ESS 10 and subject to Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) where appropriate in accordance with ESS1 and national law requirements</p>	<p>condition under Section III.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement).</p> <p>ESIA/ESMPs shall be prepared, disclosed as per the ESMF by MOAF, and reviewed and cleared by the Association and approved by the Recipient’s Environmental Agency before the commencement of subprojects under Component 2 of the Project. The approved ESIA/ESMPs shall be implemented and monitored throughout the Project implementation.</p> <p>Obtain prior SESA ToR review and clearance by the Association by April 30, 2022.</p> <p>A draft SESA to be submitted to the Association for review and comments by July 30, 2022.</p>	<p>MOAF</p> <p>MOAF</p> <p>MOAF</p>
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<p><b>1.3</b></p>	<p><b>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS.</b></p> <p>Consistent with the Project’s ESSs, the MOAF shall develop and implement specific management tools and instruments based on the particularity of each subproject site considering existing environmental and social features. Once prepared, the tools/ instruments/plans will be reviewed by the Association and cleared by HCENR prior to commencement of works throughout Project implementation.</p> <p>Accordingly, the following tools will be developed/ implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder Engagement Plan with a Grievance Redress Mechanism procedure.</li> <li>• Labor management procedure (LMP).</li> <li>• Social Assessment to determine if ESS7 applies.</li> <li>• GBV Action Plan.</li> <li>• OHS management plan.</li> </ul> <p>Ensure that ESMP and any other standard or subproject specific ES requirements is added to any bidding documents and contract for designing, building, and/or supervision of project infrastructure such as small dams.</p>	<p>Before commencement of subproject civil works and operation and throughout Project implementation, and prior to starting any civil works on the respective site.</p>	<p>MOAF</p>
<p><b>1.4</b></p>	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS</b></p> <p>The PCU/MOAF shall ensure that the subproject ESMP (and/or any other ES plan or requirement) and the Project Labor Management Procedures (LMP) requirements are included into the ESHS specifications of the subproject procurement documents in accordance with the ESMF, with all contractors or sub-contractors, for all subprojects by the subproject beneficiaries.</p> <p>The PCU/MOAF shall ensure that contractors develop Contractors’ ESMP, support/ enforce it to comply and report on it in line with the requirements of this ESCP. The PCU/MOAF will also ensure that; all implementing partners must ensure contractor’s capacity and competency to implement E&amp;S requirements through its C-ESMP/ESMS. This could include assigning of responsible Environmental and Social Staff. In addition, also GBV code of conduct should be included under service provider’s tender documents in accordance with national laws and the</p>	<p>ESMP shall be prepared and integrated in to bidding process and throughout the contract.</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>MOAF</p>

	WB ESF requirements.		
<b>1.5</b>	<b>PERMITS, CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS</b> The MOAF/PCU shall assist in obtaining, as appropriate, the permits, consents and authorizations that are applicable to each subproject from relevant national authorities.	Prior to the commencement of civil works and throughout Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>1.6</b>	<b>CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.</b> Key activities under Components 1 and 3 of the Project comprising technical assistance (TA), institutional capacity building and implementation support shall be undertaken pursuant to terms of reference (ToR) acceptable to the Association and duly incorporate and take into consideration the requirements of the WB's ESSs and the GoS's environmental and social policies and legal frameworks.	Obtain prior ToR review and clearance by the Association throughout the Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>1.7</b>	<b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for financing under the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities that may cause long term, permanent and/or irreversible adverse impacts (e.g., loss of major natural habitat).</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may give rise to significant social conflict.</li> <li>• Activities that may have significant involuntary resettlement involving physical and economic relocation.</li> <li>• Activities that may significantly affect the lands or rights of indigenous people or other vulnerable minorities.</li> <li>• Activities, including new constructions or expansion that may involve physical relocation or adverse impacts on cultural heritage.</li> <li>• All the other excluded activities set out in the ESMF of the Project.</li> </ul>	Screening and exclusion shall be conducted during the assessment process under action 1.2.a. above and during implementation.	MOAF

<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
<p><b>2.1</b></p>	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>The Project shall be carried out in accordance with the applicable requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Association, including through, <i>inter alia</i>, implementing adequate occupational health and safety measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), establishing grievance arrangements for Project workers, and incorporating labor requirements into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors.</p> <p>The Recipient shall prepare, disclose, adopt, and implement a Labor Management Procedures (LMP), with measures for GBV/SEA, incorporating the relevant requirements of ESS2, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, the LMP shall be prepared, consulted up on and disclosed (disbursement condition under Section III.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement) , and thereafter implement and monitor throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOAF</p>
<p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p><b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</b></p> <p>The MOAF shall develop and implement gender-responsive occupational, health and safety (OHS) management plan and measures (as part of the ESMF and LMP and implemented as applicable for all subprojects) as per applicable national law, internal regulations of MOAF, ESS2, World Bank Group’s Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines (EHSGs) specified in ESMF and LMP, and C-ESMP.</p> <p>Incorporate the relevant aspects of this ESCP, including, inter alia, any Environmental and Social Management Plans or other instruments, ESS2 requirements, and any other required ESHS measures, into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors and supervising firms. Thereafter, ensure that the contractors and supervising firms comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p> <p>Measures will be designed and implemented, in accordance with national law, ESS2, ESMF, LMP and the applicable EHSGs, to address the following for women and men Project workers:</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, OHS measures prepared as part of ESMF and LMP, and further detailed in ESIA/ESMPs/C-ESMP (as required); and thereafter implement and monitor throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOAF</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of potential hazards particularly those that may be life-threatening.</li> <li>• Provision of preventive and protective measures, including modification, substitution, or elimination of hazardous conditions or substances.</li> <li>• Training of Project workers and maintenance of training records; Documentation and reporting of occupational accidents, diseases, and incidents.</li> <li>• Emergency prevention, preparedness, and response arrangements.</li> </ul>		
<b>2.3</b>	<p><b>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE</b></p> <p>Measures will be designed to address the emergency event in a coordinated and expeditious manner, to prevent it from injuring the health and safety of the community, and to minimize, mitigate and compensate for any impacts that may occur. Consistent with ESS2, the OHS measures shall include measures on emergency preparedness and response and ensure consistency with measures under ESS4.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, Emergency Response Plans (ERP) shall be prepared as part of each subproject ESMP and C-ESMP/Emergency Response Plans (ERP) shall be adopted prior to initiating construction of each subproject and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOAF/Contractors
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>The ESMF includes integrated pest management plan (IPMP), including management of related wastes, and requires SPIU staff to provide information and training on use of IPMP, including acceptable and unacceptable pesticides and will encourage farmers to comply with the WB ESF, GoS laws/regulations and international standards of use and storage. The Recipient shall prepare, consult on, adopt, and publicly disclose a rapid cumulative assessment with monitoring plan, and Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP) as part of the ESMF; and use the plans as inputs for site specific E&amp;S risk management instruments stated under action #1.2 above and implement them.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, IPMP and rapid cumulative assessment prepared as part of the ESMF and further detailed in ESIA/ESMPs (as required) as indicated under action 1.2 and implementation of the plans throughout the Project implementations.</p>	MOAF

<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
<b>4.1</b>	<p>Community Health &amp; Safety Plan (CHSP) (as part of ESMF). Consistent with ESS4 and relevant government policies and legal frameworks, prepare a Community Health and Safety Plan as part of environmental and social instruments (the ESMF and site specific ESIA/ESMPs), stated under actions 1.2 and 1.3 above, including, inter alia, measures to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize the potential for community exposure to hazardous chemicals, waterborne diseases, vector borne diseases and communicable diseases taking into consideration highly vulnerable groups, and</li> <li>• Consider the World Bank Directive on the inclusion of Vulnerable Groups to provide such vulnerable groups access to the development benefits resulting from the Project.</li> </ul>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, CHSP prepared as part of the ESMF and further detailed in ESIA/ESMPs (as required) , and thereafter implement and monitor throughout the Project implementations.</p>	MOAF
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>GBV AND SEA RISKS</b></p> <p>The MOAF shall conduct an assessment and prepare a GBV Action Plan that will be included in the Project ESMF.</p> <p>The GBV Action Plan includes mitigating measures, such as regular consultations with women and girls on Project-related risks, the signing of a Code of Conduct for all Project staff (including the PCU, contractors and workers) with specific clauses on GBV/SEAH, a GRM sensitive to GBV/SEAH complaints with an accountability framework including referrals for survivors to GBV services, an awareness raising strategy targeting workers and community members on codes of conduct, reporting mechanisms in case of an incidence of GBV/SEAH and a response protocol to ensure survivors are referred to quality GBV services in a timely and ethical manner. These measures will be incorporated in the procurement documents for contractors and consultants.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, prepare, consult up on and disclose GBV action plan as part of the project ESMF and further detailed in ESIA/ESMPs as required, and implement and operationalize gender-based violence (GBV)/sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) action plan throughout Project implementation.</p>	MOAF

	<p>Include in site-specific ESMPs actions to prevent and mitigate risks of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH) in line with ESMF and enforce their implementation. This includes but is not limited to development and adherence to Code of Conduct for all employees, GBV-sensitized grievance mechanism, awareness raising of all employees and community members on GBV risks and mitigation measures.</p> <p>Ensure funds are available to implement measures to address GBV and SEA/SH risks and impacts that may arise during Project implementation.</p>		
<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p><b>SECURITY MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement the Security Management Plan (SMP) for the Project (as part of the project ESMF) acceptable to the Association consistent with ESS4 to protect all Project workers, Project-affected parties, and Project investments. The SMP relevance will be determined based on the States security situation that the Project activities are going to be implemented.</p> <p>Security issues particularly in conflict affected areas will be a challenge during implementation of Project activities. The SEP (see ESS10) will describe respective measures, including engagement with communities as well as security personnel, when needed, regarding communication and outreach.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, prepare, consult on and disclose SMP (disbursement condition under Section III.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement) and complied throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOAF</p>
<p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p><b>TRAINING FOR THE COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>For sub-projects involving substantial infrastructure (e.g., construction of hafirs, boreholes, small dams) hold awareness-raising sessions in each Project-affected community on the risks related to community health and safety, GBV/SEAH, and inform them of the rights and obligations of the Contractor as well as the avenue for grievance management.</p> <p>The subproject ESMP, C-ESMP, will identify details of training requirements to be given for the community.</p>	<p>Prior to commencement of works at each subproject site and thereafter implement and monitor throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOAF</p>

<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
<b>5.1</b>	<b>RESETTLEMENT PLANS</b> The subproject activities are not anticipated to acquire land. However, subproject could involve natural resource access and use restriction for which the Project shall prepare, adopt, and implement a process framework in accordance with ESS5 requirements. The Project Process Framework (PF) shall define key steps that will be included to address issues related to access to and use restriction on natural resources, and thereafter adopt and implement the respective process and mitigation measures adopted before carrying out any subproject activities, in a manner acceptable to the Association. Ensure that processes are approved by Association and fully implemented before carrying out the subproject activities.	Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, prepare, approve, and disclose PF (disbursement condition under Section III.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement) and thereafter implement and monitor PF according to the requirement of ESS5 throughout the Project implementation.	PCU/MOAF/Contractors.
<b>5.2</b>	<b>GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM (GM)</b> Ensure that any grievances related to access restriction, land access and use restrictions impacts are included and processed via the Project GRM.  Grievance redress procedures will be prepared as part of the PF, SEP and ESMF. The grievance mechanism (GM) to address access and use restrictions related complaints should be described in the PF and SEP.	Project-specific GRM should be established as part of the PF and ESMF and thereafter implement and monitor throughout Project implementation.	PCU/MOAF/Contractors.
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
<b>6.1</b>	<b>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS</b> Relevant aspects of ESS6 shall be considered under action 1.2 above, during preparation of ESMF and other instruments (SEP) and site specific environmental and social instruments as per the ESIA/ESMPs. The ESMF shall include environmental and social screening procedures for subprojects (under component 1 of the project) with an objective to eliminate any subproject or identify project design solutions that would avoid negative impacts on forests, natural or critical habitats, or protected areas of high biodiversity value.	Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, relevant aspects of ESS6 shall be included in the ESMF, including E&S screening procedures addressing ESS6.  Obtain prior review and clearance of the site-specific ESIA/ESMPs (prepared as per the ESMF) (Action #	MOAF

	<p>Based on the screening result, site Specific ESIA/ESMPs, incorporating requirements of ESS6 and other ESSs, shall be prepared, implemented and monitored as per the ESMF and other relevant instruments.</p>	<p>1.2), accommodating the requirements of ESS6 and other ESSs, by the Association and approval by the Recipient's Environmental Agency before the commencement of subprojects under Component 2 of the Project; and thereafter implement and monitor such Environmental and Social instruments throughout Project implementation.</p>	
<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
<p><b>7.1</b></p>	<p>The Project shall be implemented in accordance with the requirements of ESS7. MOAF shall conduct a Social Assessment to identify the IP/SSAHTLCs that are present in or have collective attachment to the Project area and that the MOAF will seek inputs from appropriate specialists to meet the consulting, planning, and other requirements of ESS7 for the Project, as necessary.</p> <p>This Social Assessment shall assess specific risks resulting from the interaction between local social structures (culture, traditional institutions, habits) and livelihood systems with livelihood interventions and outline in a social development plan with appropriate ways of engaging with local communities, ensure equal access to Project benefits, including for vulnerable households, avoid elite capture, and any increase of social tensions in or between communities (with a focus on communal pastures). The outcomes of the Social Assessment findings shall inform the preparation of the social aspects of the ESMF.</p> <p>The Recipient shall ensure that these communities are appropriately informed and can share in the Project benefits in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner, including appropriate provisions to this effect in the SEP.</p>	<p>Prior to implementing any activity under Component 2 of the Project, the Social Assessment shall be prepared, consulted up on and disclosed (disbursement conditions under Section III.B.1 of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement).</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>MOAF</p> <p>MOAF</p>

7.2	The SEP update (as needed) shall have adequate coverage on stakeholder engagement and communication in culturally and linguistically appropriate manner for the Indigenous People/Sub-Saharan Africa Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities (IP/SSAHUTLC) context in Sudan to address potential risks for the activities under all relevant Project components.	The SEP shall be updated, consulted upon, reviewed by the Association and disclosed (as needed).	MOAF
7.3	The Recipient shall ensure that such communities are appropriately informed about Project activities in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner considering the dynamics of diverse communities represented in the Project areas, with provisions included in the SEP as well as the social development plans noted above.	Throughout Project implementation.	MOAF
7.4	<b>GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM:</b> The MOAF shall ensure that the grievance redress mechanisms established for the Project, as described in ESS10, are culturally appropriate and accessible to affected Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities and consider the availability of judicial recourse and customary dispute settlement mechanisms among the communities.  MOAF shall prepare, adopt, and implement the arrangements for grievance mechanism including for IPHUTLCs.	The GM will be available and accessible to areas where IPs are located and will be functional throughout the Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	Relevant aspects of this standard shall be considered, as needed, in the ESMF as outlined under action 1.2 above. Also, based on the result of screening, site-specific ESSs instruments (ESIAs/ESMPs), including chance finds procedure/ESS8 requirements, for subprojects will be prepared, implemented, and monitored during the Project implementation	Chance find procedure incorporated as part of the ESMF and on timeframe specified in 1.2.	MOAF
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
	<b>Not Applicable</b>		

<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
<b>10.1</b>	<p><b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND UPDATING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure effective information dissemination and consultations on all aspects of the Project and Sub-projects, including emergency preparedness and response.</li> <li>b. Implement measures to train local officials and key players as needed to implement the SEP.</li> <li>c. Establish appropriate channels of communication to maintain ongoing engagement and communicating additional information, and any specific issues identified as of concern to stakeholders.</li> <li>d. Inform stakeholders about any material changes to the Project that result in additional risks and impacts of concern, specifying how those risks and impacts are being addressed and disclose an update.</li> <li>e. Conduct survey on citizen feedback on the services provided.</li> <li>f. Specific consultations with women and girls to gather their perspectives on the Project and potentially related risks will be planned and included as part of the Project SEP.</li> </ul>	The SEP will be updated during the MTR; and annual reporting as required throughout the Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>10.2</b>	<p><b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b> Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	Operationalized before commencement of Project activities and maintained throughout the Project implementation.	MOAF
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
<b>CS1</b>	<p>Trainings for personnel involved in Project implementation, and awareness raising for the community, shall be conducted regularly covering all subjects/thematic areas identified in the ESMF and other environment and social risk management instruments. The trainings shall include but not be limited to:</p>	Capacity building/training needs prepared as part of the ESMF (as indicated under action 1.2) and implemented accordingly throughout the	MOAF

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) implementation of the ESMF, including subproject screening, subproject ESIA/ESMPs, and implementation of ESMPs, integrated pest management plan, application of small dam safety guidelines, and supervision/monitoring of EHS performance in Project activities.</li> <li>(ii) Social Assessment.</li> <li>(iii) Process framework.</li> <li>(iv) development and implementation of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and in its monitoring &amp; evaluation.</li> <li>(v) the development and implementation of the Labor Management Procedures.</li> <li>(vi) Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) measures including use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) to employees/contractors and communities interested.</li> <li>(vii) GBV, SEA/SH, including STDs and other communicable diseases - mitigation, prevention and response and the development and implementation of a GBV Action Plan.</li> <li>(viii) Grievance Redress Mechanisms for the Project.</li> <li>(ix) Capacity building in other specific aspects of assessment and implementation of environmental and social risk management practices as identified through needs assessments of key Project actors during Project preparation and implementation.</li> </ul>	Project implementation.	
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